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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): PUERTO RICO

REF: USUN 2598

1. DEPT PROPOSAL FOR CONSENSUS STATEMENT TO BE READ BY
C-24 CHAIRMAN AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO
IS CONTAINED PARA 3. USUN MISOFF MAY PROVIDE TEXT TO
VRAALSEN OR HOLD UNTIL RETURN OF AMB LEONARD ON
AUGUST 16.

2. WE BELIEVE STATEMENT READ BY CHAIRMAN IS FAR
PREFERABLE TO EVEN A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION. FAILING
THAT WE WOULD HOPE THAT FRIENDLY DELEGATION WOULD MOVE
TO ADJOURN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION WITHOUT A VOTE ON A
RESOLUTION, AS IN 1975.

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3. PROPOSED CONSENSUS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

HAVING CONSULTED WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AS TO WHAT ACTION THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE

REGARDING THE QUESTION UNDER CONSIDERATION; BEARING
IN MIND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 1514(XV)
AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS; RECALLING THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION OF 28 AUGUST 1972 AND 30 AUGUST
1973, AS WELL AS THE CONSENSUS ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS DEBATE ON THE
QUESTION IN 1976; NOTING THE DECISIONS ADOPTED ON
PUERTO RICO BY THE FIFTH SUMMIT MEETING ON THE NON-
ALIGNED NATIONS IN COLOMBO IN AUGUST 1976 AS WELL AS
BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF SAID NON-
ALIGNED NATIONS HELD IN NEW DELHI IN APRIL 1977; TAKING
NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE
RAPPORTEUR, DOC. A/AC.109/L.1191 IN COMPLIANCE WITH
LAST YEAR'S DECISION; HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF
THE PETITIONERS AND MEMBERS DURING DEBATE;
ACKNOWLEDGING THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE DELEGATION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ITS LETTER TO THE
RAPPORTEUR OF MAY 16, 1977 THAT THE POLICY OF ITS
GOVERNMENT IS BASED ON COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION;
I AM AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF
PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING THE
RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE IF THAT IS THEIR WISH, IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514(XV) OF
14 DECEMBER 1960 AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND BY VIRTUE OF THAT RIGHT TO
FREELY DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL STATUS AND FREELY
PURSUE THEIR SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INCLUDING EXPLOITATION OF THEIR ON-SHORE AND OFF-SHORE

RESOURCES; AND DECIDES TO KEEP THE QUESTION UNDER
REVIEW.

END QUOTE

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